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SUBJ: 57TH ECOSOC: ITEM 24, DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE -
PRG INVITATION ISSUE

1. DURING COURSE OF DEBATE SUBJECT ITEM, ROMANIA OPENED UP
ISSUE OF PRG INVITATION TO POP CON. ROMANIA SPOKE "AS HOST
OF POP CON" STATING THAT COUNCIL SHOULD FIND A WAY TO
HAVE PRG PARTICIPATE IN WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE AND THAT ITS
ABSENCE VIOLATED PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY. SAME THEME
PICKED UP AND DEVELOPED BY POLAND, USSR, GDR, ALGERIA,
CHINA AND CONGO.
2. CHAIRMAN REPEATEDLY WARNED DELS NOT TO DEAL WITH EXTANTIOUS
ISSUES BUT OBVIOUSLY NOT NEEDED BY PRO-PRG DELS. AMB GERGUSON
IN PRIVATE INFORMED CHAIRMAN THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HE WOULD
BE COMPELLED TO REPLY TO ISSUE, NOT GETTING INTO SUBSTANCE,
RATHER TO SUPPORT CHAIRMAN'S POSITION THAT MATTER NOT GERMANE
TO AGENDA ITEM.
3. FERGUSON MADE GENERAL STATEMENT US POSITION ON ITEM AND
ADDED "USG REGRETTED PRG INVITATION HAS BEEN RAISED DESPITE
CHAIRMAN'S ADMONITIONS. FERGUSON FURTHER STRESSED THAT AT
SOME TIME PRINCIPLES OF RES JUDICATA MUST BE
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APPLIED TO DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL. REMINDED COUNCIL

THAT INVITATION FORMULA TO POP CON HAD TWICE BEEN CONSIDERED
(1970 AND 1974) AND THAT AT THIS LATE DATE DECISION MUST BE
TAKEN AS FINAL.

4. FERGUSON HAS UNDERSTANDING WITH CHAIRMAN THAT IF ANYBODY MOVES
BY MOTION OR BY AMENDMENT TO DRAFT RES ON TABLE TO HAVE PRG
INVITED TO POP CON, FERGUSON WILL RAISE POINT OF ORDER THAT
MATTER OUTSIDE OF AGENDA ITEM AND CHAIR WILL RULE IN FAVOR OF
POINT OF ORDER. WE BELIEVE WE WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT VOTES
TO BLOCK OVERRULING CHAIR ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT DONE DEL BY
DEL HEAD COUNT FOR FEAR OF ESCALATING ISSUE.

5. TRUST THAT DEPT IS AWARE THAT EVEN IF MATTER CAN BE
FINESSED IN COMMITTEE AS WE APPEAR TO BE DOING, THERE STILL
RISK THAT EE'S OR CHINA MAY RAISE MATTER FOR ACTION IN PLENARY,
NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 31. ABRAMS

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